



## Minnesota Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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### MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.7 million hogs and pigs on June 1, 2011, up 3 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the March 1, 2011, figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding inventory totaled 560 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year earlier but unchanged from March 1, 2011. Market hogs and pigs at 7.14 million head, were up 3 percent from a year ago and up 1 percent from March 1, 2011.

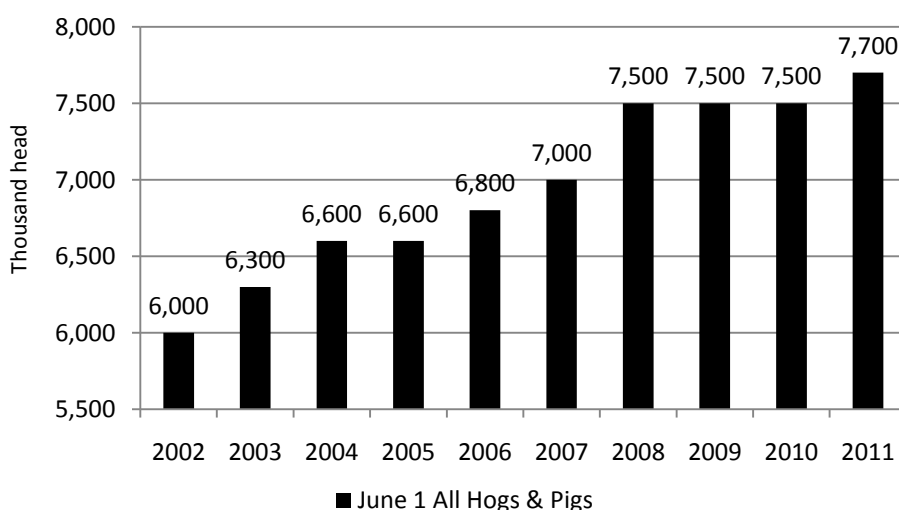
### MARCH-MAY PIG CROP UP 6 PERCENT

Minnesota's March-May 2011 pig crop totaled 3.00 million head, up 6 percent from a year earlier and up 4 percent from the December 2010-February 2011 pig crop. The 290 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 10.35 pigs per litter, up from 10.15 a year ago. The March-May 2011 litter rate is a record high level for any quarter.

### JUNE-AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 290 thousand sows during the June-August 2011 quarter. If realized, this would be up 4 percent from actual sows farrowed during the same period a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 295 thousand sows during the September-November 2011 quarter. If realized, this would be up 4 percent from actual sows farrowed during the same period in 2010.

### June 1 All Hogs & Pigs



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## U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

**United States inventory** of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2011 was 65.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from June 1, 2010, and up 2 percent from March 1, 2011.

**Breeding inventory**, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

**Market hog inventory**, at 59.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

**The March-May 2011 pig crop**, at 28.9 million head, was up slightly from 2010 but down 1 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, down 2 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.03 for the March-May 2011 period, compared to 9.81 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

### REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2010 through March 2011 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the December 2010 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the March 2011 total inventory. An adjustment of more than one percent was made to the September-November 2010 pig crop.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,  
United States, December-November 2010-2011<sup>1 2</sup>**

Month	Sows Farrowing <sup>1</sup>		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop <sup>1</sup>	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec <sup>2</sup>	973	956	9.62	9.81	9,358	9,382
Jan	960	958	9.58	9.76	9,197	9,348
Feb	940	942	9.62	9.83	9,042	9,256
Mar	982	970	9.76	10.02	9,588	9,721
Apr	972	950	9.84	10.02	9,560	9,518
May	976	957	9.82	10.04	9,582	9,612
Jun	990		9.78		9,679	
Jul	980		9.83		9,637	
Aug	973		9.82		9,555	
Sep	982		9.91		9,734	
Oct	954		9.90		9,450	
Nov	945		9.85		9,305	
Total	11,626		9.78		113,686	

<sup>1</sup> Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> December preceding year.